

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on March 30, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R), Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 308, 3/24/2017; HB 442, 3/24/2017

00:00:39 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 442

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:07 Rep. Virginia Court (D), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 442, Provide property tax exemption for public parks.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:47 Roger Williams, Yellowstone River Parks Association

00:08:03 Mike Penfold, Our Montana

00:09:44 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce

00:10:45 Bob Walker, Montana Trails Recreation and Parks Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:40 Linda Sather, Montana Department of Revenue

00:13:55 Tom Reilly, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:17 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:14:56 Rep. Court

00:17:04 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:17:21 Rep. Court

00:17:40 Sen. Richmond

00:17:55 Rep. Court

00:18:54 Sen. Hoven

00:20:06 Rep. Court

00:20:12 Sen. Barrett

00:21:01 Rep. Court

00:21:54 Sen. Hoven

00:22:25 Rep. Court

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:11 Rep. Court

00:26:28 Chairman Blasdel

00:27:28 Sen. Tempel entered the meeting.

00:29:36 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 308

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:59 Rep. Casey Schreiner (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 308, Provide for apprenticeship tax credit with increased amount for veterans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:17 Dan Lloyd, Governor's Office of Economic Development
 00:38:54 John Forkan, Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters
 00:40:42 Scott Eychner, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
 00:43:46 Bill Fritz, Jackson Contractor Group (JCG)
 00:45:18 Saul McMeekin, Jackson Contractor Group (JCG)
 00:46:47 John Cech, Montana University System
 00:50:24 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
 00:52:20 Mark Maki, Montana Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC)
 00:55:13 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association
 00:56:09 Dwight Rose, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
 00:56:33 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business
 00:57:13 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
 00:58:59 Margaret Morgan, Montana Independent Electrical Contractors
 00:59:34 JD Lynch, Montana Building and Construction Trades and IBEW #44

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:00:22 Tracee Abel, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:40 Sen. Barrett
 01:01:39 Mr. Eychner, DLI
 01:02:10 Sen. Barrett
 01:02:42 Mr. Eychner
 01:03:44 Sen. Barrett
 01:04:32 Rep. Schreiner
 01:06:23 Sen. Barrett
 01:06:44 Rep. Schreiner
 01:07:37 Sen. Barrett
 01:09:07 Mr. McMeekin, JCG
 01:11:01 Sen. Barrett
 01:11:34 Mr. McMeekin
 01:11:49 Sen. Pomnichowski
 01:12:20 Mr. Maki, JATC
 01:13:25 Sen. Pomnichowski
 01:14:16 Mr. Maki
 01:15:40 Sen. Pomnichowski

01:16:28	Rep. Schreiner
01:17:34	Sen. Pomnichowski
01:18:08	Rep. Schreiner
01:23:29	Sen. Malek
01:23:49	Rep. Schreiner
01:25:14	Sen. Malek
01:25:47	Rep. Schreiner
01:27:49	Sen. Hoven
01:28:41	Mr. Fritz, JCG
01:29:54	Sen. Hoven
01:30:26	Mr. Fritz
01:30:34	Sen. Barrett
01:31:45	Mr. Eychner
01:33:08	Sen. Cohenour
01:33:54	Mr. Fritz
01:34:21	Sen. Malek
01:34:44	Mr. Fritz
01:35:05	Sen. Malek
01:35:14	Mr. Fritz
01:35:28	Sen. Tempel
01:35:52	Rep. Schreiner
01:38:50	Sen. Tempel
01:39:03	Rep. Schreiner

Closing by Sponsor:

01:40:05	Rep. Schreiner
01:43:28	Chairman Blasdel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:45 AM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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